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"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE CONNECTICUT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS."

1 After line 152, insert the following and renumber the remaining 2 section accordingly:

3 "Sec. 9. (NEW) (a) The Commissioners of Higher Education and

4 Economic and Community Development and the Labor

5 Commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education,

6 the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical College System and

7 one member of industry representing each of the economic clusters

8 identified by the Commissioner of Economic and Community

9 Development pursuant to section 32-4g of the general statutes, shall (1)

10 review, evaluate and, as necessary, recommend improvements for

11 certification and degree programs offered by the vocational-technical

school system and the community-technical college system to ensure

13 that such programs meet the employment needs of business and

14 industry, and (2) develop strategies to strengthen the linkage between

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skill standards for education and training and the employment needs of business and industry.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Higher Education shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, commerce and labor and to the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to workforce development on (1) the implementation of any recommended programs or strategies within the vocational-technical school system or the community-technical college system to strengthen the linkage between vocational-technical and community-technical college certification and degree programs and the employment needs of business and industry, and (2) any certification or degree programs offered by vocational-technical schools or regional community-technical colleges that do not meet current industry standards."